

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 198300  
ORIGIN ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-13 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01  
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02  
SS-15 USIA-06 /074 R

DRAFTED BY ARA/USOAS:DEJSTEWART:AB  
APPROVED BY ARA/USOAS:NTSHAFT  
ARA/PAN:DWAGNER  
ARA/AND/C:DCOX

-----113874 200636Z /23

R 200022Z AUG 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY QUITO  
INFO AMEMBASSY PANAMA  
AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 198300

FOR MINKEL AND ANDREGG, US DELEGATION TO PAIGH XI ASSEMBLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, CO, PN, PAIGH

SUBJECT: XI GENERAL ASSEMBLY PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF  
GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY (PAIGH): US POSITION ON  
ELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL - 1) INGENIERO JOSE  
A. SAENZ, THE INCUMBENT OF PANAMA AND 2) DR. JAIME  
JARAMILLO URIBE OF COLOMBIA

1. BOTH CANDIDATES HAVE GOOD CREDENTIALS, BUT SAENZ IS  
BETTER KNOWN TO THE US NATIONAL SECTION WHICH SUPPORTED  
HIM STRONGLY IN THE ELECTION HELD FOUR YEARS AGO. THE  
US NATIONAL SECTION OF PAIGH AND USOAS FAVOR THE RE-  
ELECTION OF SAENZ BECAUSE IT IS FELT THAT HE IS THE  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 198300

BETTER QUALIFIED OF THE TWO. FURTHERMORE, IN THE CASE  
OF THESE SMALLER TECHNICAL AGENCIES, WE NORMALLY  
PREFER TO KEEP THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR  
A SECOND TERM WHERE POSSIBLE IF HE IS GIVING SATIS-  
FACTORY SERVICE. EXPERIENCE AND COSTS OF TRANSFER-  
ING A NEW SECRETARY GENERAL ARE ALSO FACTORS. HOW-  
EVER, THERE IS STRONG SUPPORT FOR JARAMILLO AMONG

THE SOUTH AMERICAN MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE FOR SOME TIME DISAPPROVED OF SAENZ'S TERSE MANNER. AT THIS POINT, IT APPEARS THAT JARAMILLO CAN WIN BY A CLOSE MARGIN, BUT THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF

UNCOMMITTED VOTES THAT IF GIVEN TO JARAMILLO WOULD MAKE HIS VICTORY DECISIVE.

2. THE US DELEGATE WOULD LIKE TO REMAIN UNCOMMITTED UNTIL THERE IS A CLEARER VIEW OF HOW THE OTHER DELEGATIONS WILL VOTE. THIS COURSE OF ACTION GIVES THE US DELEGATION A CHANCE TO WAIT AND GO WITH THE WINNER IF IT APPEARS THAT ONE CANDIDATE WILL CLEARLY WIN; OR TO VOTE FOR SAENZ IF THE ELECTION APPEARS CLOSE.

3. BY REMAINING UNCOMMITTED, HOWEVER, THE US DEL MAY GIVE OTHER UNCOMMITTED DELEGATIONS THAT MAY BE PLANNING TO FOLLOW OUR LEAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE US DOES NOT SUPPORT SAENZ, THEREBY INDIRECTLY INFLUENCING THEM TO SUPPORT JARAMILLO. IF THIS WERE TO HAPPEN, PANAMA MIGHT FEEL THAT THE US HAD A HAND IN SAENZ'S DEFEAT. TO AVOID THIS ASSUMPTION, THE US DELEGATE SHOULD INFORM OTHER DELEGATES, IF ASKED, THAT THE US IS PLANNING TO SUPPORT SAENZ UNLESS IT IS CLEAR THAT JARAMILLO HAS AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY. THE US DELEGATE CAN BE FURTHER INSTRUCTED THAT SHOULD THERE BE MORE THAN ONE BALLOT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 198300

THE US WILL CONSIDER ITSELF UNCOMMITTED AND FREE TO VOTE FOR JARAMILLO IF IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT SAENZ CANNOT WIN. THE BASIC U.S. POSITION SHOULD BE TO ELECT THE BEST QUALIFIED CANDIDATE AND TO AVOID GIVING PANAMA THE IMPRESSION THAT THE US HAS UNDERMINED SAENZ'S CHANCES TO BE RE-ELECTED. VANCE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** SECRETARY GENERAL, ELECTION CANDIDATES, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, ELECTIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 20-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977STATE198300  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** DEJSTEWART:AB  
**Enclosure:** DG ALTERED  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770301-0462  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770841/aaaabiff.tel  
**Line Count:** 100  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 4abd8457-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN ARA  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 19-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1540523  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** XI GENERAL ASSEMBLY PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY (PAIGH): US POSITION ON ELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL - 1) INGENIERO JOSE  
**TAGS:** PORG, CO, PN, US, PAIGH, (SAENZ, JOSE A), (JARAMILLO URIBE, JAIME)  
**To:** QUITO  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/4abd8457-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009